

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 634

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to commemorate May 9-15, 2021, as "National Hospital Week."

WHEREAS, National Hospital Week is an annual observance to recognize the important roles hospitals play in the healthcare system, the economy, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals, health systems, and healthcare workers have supported community needs in many innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented the greatest healthcare challenge ever faced by medical professionals, and it is fitting that we recognize those healthcare facilities that have provided essential services to protect the well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, hospitals and their associates and staff have worked tirelessly to provide care for those patients who contracted the coronavirus while also caring for those with other medical needs; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Hospital Week for 2021 is "Inspiring Hope through Healing"; and

WHEREAS, as part of the observance of National Hospital Week, the American Hospital Association is collaborating with Musicians on Call to produce an original song and video inspired by the words of healthcare workers; and

WHEREAS, hospitals are often the first place individuals visit to receive healthcare services and are a safety net for many; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's hospitals offer access to care for every individual, regardless of the individual's ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, hospitals in the State of Tennessee employ more than 106,000 individuals and are often the largest employers in their communities, serving as economic engines in their counties; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's hospitals have an annual economic impact of more than \$21 billion; and

WHEREAS, we honor the healthcare professionals who support the health and well-being of their communities and patients through the dedication and care they provide on a daily basis at Tennessee's hospitals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to thank the hospitals across this State for the compassionate care and high-quality services they provide for the citizens of Tennessee, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commemorate May 9-15, 2021, as "National Hospital Week" in recognition of the outstanding and essential healthcare services hospitals and their associates and staff provide to the citizens of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.